

# METS WATCH

## MakSPH-METS hosts CDC Kenya on a RASS Benchmarking Visit to Uganda



*CDC Kenya, CDC Uganda and the MakSPH-METS team after the debrief meeting at METS offices.*

PEPFAR supported countries procure the required HIV/TB commodities, and upon arrival in the country the commodities are inventoried, segregated, stored, and distributed to intended beneficiaries. However, commodity management challenges are often faced by majority of the countries.

Kenya is one of the PEPFAR supported countries that has experienced

recurring challenges in commodity management resulting in service disruptions. The challenges include limited visibility of commodities throughout the distribution cycle and the absence of timely commodity status information. This often leads to overstocking, stockouts, and expiries. Despite Uganda facing similar challenges, the Real Time ARV Stock Status (RASS) System, developed by MakSPH-METS with

funding from CDC Uganda, serves as a potential solution to these issues. The system, in real time, can provide an update of stock status triggering decisions for redistribution, restocking and resolving expiry of the commodities in facilities.

The CDC Kenya team undertook a learning visit to Uganda to benchmark RASS on 4th to 8th September 2023, to gain insights